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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to take this time to let you know that I am very glad to hear that a settlement has been reached in the Microsoft antitrust case. The lawsuit was a tremendous waste of time and money and punished Microsoft for being a successful company. The role that Microsoft played is one of creating standards in the Computer industry similar to the role played by IBM and Digital in years past. Technology will eventually be the cause of a Microsoft eclipse not their alleged monopolistic practices.

The proposed settlement is really quite reasonable and it sufficiently addresses Microsoft's problematic issues. I'm convinced they will be changing their business practices, especially yielding to drastic licensing concessions, so that fair competition will be restored in the computer industry. They've given up a great deal in this settlement and I ask that you please do your part to ensure that this settlement is upheld.

Sincerely,

Leonard Appel